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I urge all our colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce of South Florida and its leadership.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRANK MASCARA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Mr. MASCARA. Mr. Speaker, on May 14, 2002, I was absent for personal reasons and missed rollcall votes numbered 159, 160 and 161. For the record, had I been present I would have voted aye on all three of these votes.

TRIBUTE TO CARLOS NAVA

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding educator, Carlos Nava. On Friday, May 17, 2002, Los Angeles Mission College will honor Carlos for his 33 years of service with the Los Angeles Community College District; 27 of those with Los Angeles Mission College in Sylmar, California.

Carlos was one of the founding administrators who helped open Los Angeles Mission College in storefronts in the City of San Fernando in 1975. He has been with the college ever since. Initially, Carlos held the position of Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. He was later appointed as the Acting Chief Instructional Officer in 1985. He then gained a quick promotion a year and a half later and became the Chief Student Services Officer—a position which he still holds today. As a member of the senior staff, Carlos is responsible for all student support programs including those of Admissions and Records, Financial Aid, EOP&S, the Child Development Center and Student Government. Carlos is also in charge of recruitment and marketing, an area where he has proven very effective as enrollment has grown steadily over the last five years.

A charismatic leader, Carlos has successfully organized and implemented many projects, always working inclusively with faculty, students, community, and various organizations to achieve success. He pioneered curriculum for Chicano Studies and has implemented several community service programs. His familiarity with the diverse populations that the college serves has been extremely valuable to its growth and success.

Carlos's integrity, enthusiasm and strong consensus building abilities have made him a role model to many and an inspiration to many more. Over the years I have attended and enjoyed many programs at Mission College and have witnessed firsthand Carlos's genuine concern for students, the campus and the surrounding community. He has earned the respect of his students, his colleagues, and the community and its leaders.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Carlos Nava for his extraordinary service with the Los Angeles Community College District.

RECOGNIZING CORY J. MCCOLLOWS ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize my constituent, Cory J. McCollow of Venedocia, Ohio, who recently accepted his appointment to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.

Cory will soon graduate from Spencerville High School. During his high school career, he has maintained a high grade point average, and is a member of the National Honor Society. He is an accomplished athlete, earning varsity letters in football, basketball and track. And, he has clearly demonstrated his leadership ability, serving as captain of the basketball team.

Cory McCollow can be very proud of his many accomplishments. He is a credit to his family, his school, and his community. By accepting his appointment, Cory is accepting a unique challenge.

The Academy is the pinnacle of leadership development for the United States Coast Guard. As a USCG Academy Cadet, he will face a most demanding academic curriculum and physical regimen. He will live, study and prepare in an environment where strong leadership thrives, individual achievement is expected, and personal integrity is demanded.

Mr. Speaker, General John W. Vessey, Jr. once wrote, "The Nation's ability to remain free and at peace depends in no small measure on whether we will continue to inspire our youth to serve."

I am confident that Cory McCollow has the character and ability to excel at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him well as he begins his very important service to our nation.

HONORING FREDDYE DAVIS ON HER APPOINTMENT AS CHAIR- PERSON OF RACIAL/HATE INJUS- TICE DISCRIMINATION FOR THE CALIFORNIA NAACP

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Freddye Davis on her appointment as chairperson of the racial/hate injustice discrimination division of the California chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Freddye Davis also serves as president of the Hayward chapter of the NAACP. She counts the creation of a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Street in Hayward as one of her greatest accomplishments in this position. Her reputation as a tenacious leader, and her sensitivity in responding to police brutality and hate crimes in Hayward make her the ideal person for her new position.

As chairperson, Freddye Davis will handle complaints of racial discrimination from all over California. One of her primary goals is to

train NAACP members to identify and respond to racism. She plans to revitalize the NAACP state conference, to return it to the large, vibrant annual gathering it once was, and to hold forums for law enforcement officials and young African-Americans. Also, she will address the racially biased downsizing that some companies have engaged in by firing people of color and then offering their jobs to non-colored employees.

Freddye Davis's devotion to fighting for equal rights started when she was a young girl in Birmingham, Alabama. She took part in civil rights marches led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., gaining experience in organizing non-violent demonstrations that has proven valuable during her career. Several years ago, when the Ku Klux Klan was planning to meet at the Hayward Main Library, Freddye helped stop the meeting, and she dispersed an angry group of African Americans preparing to protest.

I join the colleagues of Freddye Davis in congratulating her on her new position. Her persistence and determination have enabled countless Hayward residents to enjoy a better quality of life. Now, the entire state of California will benefit from Freddye Davis's dedication to fighting for civil rights.

IN SUPPORT OF CHET "THE JET" WALKER'S NOMINATION TO THE NBA HALL OF FAME

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to lend my voice to the many who are supporting Chet Walker's nomination to the National Basketball Association (NBA) Hall of Fame.

Chet "The Jet" Walker is from Benton Harbor, Michigan. Now for those of you who don't know about Chet Walker, you need to know a little bit about Benton Harbor first. It is one of the untapped gems of our state, resting along the shores of Lake Michigan. It is a community filled with spirit, grit and determination and that's exactly how Chet Walker played the game.

Chet Walker left Bradley University as the school's all-time leading scorer and rebounder. He led Bradley to the NIT title in 1960. After his college days were done, he began a 13-year professional career with the Syracuse Nationals, Philadelphia 76ers and Chicago Bulls. During his NBA career, Walker averaged 18.2 points per game and 7.1 rebounds per game. He was a member of the NBA's All-Rookie team in 1963 and was a seven-time NBA All-Star. He was a key member of the 1967 Philadelphia 76ers who only lost 13 games—considered by many to be the greatest NBA team ever.

When he retired in 1975, Chet Walker was only the eighth player in NBA history to play in more than 1,000 games. One of the most remarkable highlights of his career was that he only missed 21 games in 13 NBA seasons. He was there, night after night, for his teammates, his coaches and the fans. I think many of us who have competed in athletics, politics or in business, understand that having someone you can count on day after day as part of your team is one of the most valuable contributions a person can make to a group effort.